

OHIO PASTURE/HAYLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION				
Landowner/Operator				
Tract		Field Nos.		Acres
Completed by			Date	
Evaluation Factor			Points	Existing
Planned				
1. Species Composition				
Predominantly mixed native WSG (< 25% introduced CSG); ≥ 25% forbs/legumes			30	
Single native WSG species OR introduced grass mix (timothy and/or orchard grass predominant; <10% SB, RCG, F); greater than 25% legumes			20	
Introduced grass species (<50% SB, RCG and/or F) with 10-25 % legumes			10	
50 to 80% fescue, smooth brome and/or reed canarygrass; some desirable legumes present			5	
Greater than 80% fescue, smooth brome and/or reed canarygrass			0	
Species Composition Score				
2. Pasture and Hayland Management				
Pastureland		Hayland		
Light rotational grazing; 75% with average grass height > 6"; 10% deferred to after July 15		Idle or harvest only between July 15 and August 31		30
Moderate rotational grazing; 50% with average grass height > 6"; OR 20% deferred to after July 15		At least 20% delayed harvest after July 31 OR use of wildlife friendly methods and no more than two cuttings		15
20% deferral to after June 30		At least 20% delayed harvest after July 15		10
Heavy, rotational grazing entire area; grazed below 6 inches		At least 20% delayed harvest after June 30		5
Heavy, continuous grazing entire area; grazed below 6 inches		All acreage harvested before July 1		0
Pasture/Hayland Management Score				
3. Distance to Concealment Cover				
>75% of area within 330 feet of concealment cover			20	
25 – 75% of area within 330 feet of concealment cover			10	
<25% of area within 330 feet of concealment cover			2	
No concealment cover within 330 feet			0	
Concealment Cover Score				
4. Desirable Forb/Legume Presence				
5 or more species and they total 25 – 50% canopy coverage			10	
3 to 4 species with 25-50% canopy coverage			5	
1-2 species with 25-50% canopy coverage OR all forbs/legumes 10-25% or 51-75%			2	
No forbs or legumes present OR canopy coverage of forbs/legumes <10% or >75%			0	
Desirable Forb/Legume Presence Score				
5. Protection of Sensitive/Important Wildlife Habitat				
Desirable non-grass habitat protected from grazing/haying and has at least 30' buffer			10	
Desirable non-grass habitat protected from grazing/haying but has no buffer			5	
Haying and/or grazing allowed in non-grass habitat areas			0	
Protection of Habitat Score				
Total Pastureland/Hayland Points (100 Maximum)				
Pastureland/Hayland Habitat Index (Total/100)				